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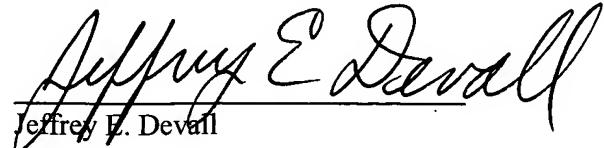
I hereby declare that all statements herein of my own knowledge are true.

Upon receipt of the Office Action of September 2, 2003, Applicant's attorneys contacted me, the inventor Jeffrey E. Devall, and requested that I review my invention file for the above-identified application and to supply the undersigned with evidence of conception of the invention prior to the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) date of February 16, 2001 for the De Capua et al. Patent Publication No. 2002/01112757. Attached is a drawing showing the structure illustrated in the Fig. 14 drawing of De Capua et al. which drawing has a February 8, 1901 date and which date antecedes the 2(e) date of De Capua et al.

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Title of  
Application EASY OPENING FUEL TANK VENT VALVE  
hereinafter (the "Application(s)")

Barnes & Thornburg, 11 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 is authorized to insert in parentheses (Application number 16/079,163, filed 2/19/02) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

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Assignee(s);  
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1620 Columbia Avenue

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this assignment at Connersville, Indiana  
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Dennis M. DeCapua

Inventor (Signature)

Dennis M. DeCapua

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D. Williams.

Jeffrey E. Devall

**Inventor (Printed Name)**

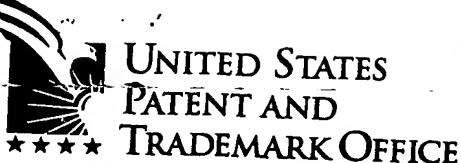
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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned,

Name(s)  
of Inventor(s)

Jeffrey E. DEVALL

and,

maker(s) of an invention which is the subject of an application for Letters Patent of the United States ("Application") entitled

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